



## AO CAREER PATH (AW)



Aviation Ordnancemen are aircraft armament (weapons) specialists in charge of storing, servicing, inspecting and handling all types of weapons and ammunition carried on Navy aircraft.

YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/Shore Flow	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
26-30	AOCM	23.8 Yrs	CMC	36	Follow-on Shore Tours
23-26	AOCM AOCS	23.8 Yrs 19.4	CMC, CSC, CWO, SEA	48	4 <sup>th</sup> Sea Tour Billet: Av ORD, DIV CPO, Dept LCPO CSC, SEA, Duty: Squadron/Ship's Co.
20-23	AOCS AOC	19.4 Yrs 14.8	CWO, CMC, CSC, Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Placement, Naval Academy Company Advisor, Brig Duty	36	3 <sup>rd</sup> Shore Tour Billet: Ord Tech, Trng Manager, Ammo Mgr, Div Sup, QA Sup, Maint/Prod Ctrl Sup/Coord, System's Analyst/ Project Specialist, Duty: FRC, NAS, NMC, Wing, NPC, Qualification: SEA
16-20	AOCS AOC AO1	19.4 Yrs 14.8 9.8	MECP, OCS, LDO, CWO, CSC, RDC, Naval Academy Company Advisor, Detailing, Rating Specialist, Manpower Analyst, Equal	48	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sea Tour Billet: Maint Tech, PC Sup, QAR/ARM INSP, DIV Sup, Maint/Prod Ctrl Coord, Duty: Squadron/Ship's Company, CVW. Qualification: Maint/QA.
12-16	AOC AO1	14.8 Yrs 9.8	Opportunity Advisor, Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Command Fitness Leader, Brig Duty.	36	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shore Tour Billet: Arm Tech, SEAOPDET Coord, Trng Coord, Supervisor, QAR, Maint/Prod Ctrl Sup, Special Programs, Instructor. Duty: FRC, Squadron, NRD, RDC, CNATT, Wing, NATTC. Qualification: Instructor, Supervisor, QAR, Maint/Prod Ctrl Sup, Range Master.
8-12	AO1 AO2	9.8 Yrs 5		60	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sea Tour Billet: Maint Tech, Supervisor, QAR. Duty: SEAOPDET/AIMD, Ship's Company, CVW, Squadron, Weapons Det. Qualification: EAWS, CDI, LPO, QAR.
4-8	AO2 AO3	5 Yrs 2.8	MECP, STA-21, Naval Academy, NROTC, LDO, RDC, Recruiter, Detailing, USS CONSTITUTION, Brig Duty	36	1 <sup>st</sup> Shore Tour Billet: Corr Ctrl, Maint/Weps Tech/Loader, Sup, Instructor, Special Programs. Duty: Squadron, NMC, AIMD, FRC, NRD. Qualification: PC, CDI, Sup Instructor.



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1-4	AO3	2.8 Yrs	MECP, STA-21, Naval Academy, NROTC, RDC, Recruiter, Detailer, USS CONSTITUTION, Brig Duty	60	1 <sup>st</sup> Sea Tour Billet: Maint/Weps Tech/Handler, Corr Ctrl, PC. Duty: FRC SEAOPDET, CVW, FRC SEAOPDET. Qualification: EAWS, PC, Supervisor.
1+/-	AOAN AOAA Accession Training	9 Months			Recruit Training (8 weeks) “A” School for aircraft platform/ AIMD/WPNS Assembly billet.

1. This rating utilizes a large amount of FAC “G” billets for shore billets instead of in-rate billets; filling a billet outside the AO rating at shore will likely be required during a Sailor’s career.
2. Career enhancing billets or tours include: Recruiting, Enlisted Detailing or Rating Specialist, Placement, Instructor Duty (NATTC, CNATT), HM-14 or HM-15.
3. Early return to sea, or filling SDIP eligible billets fullfills the best interests of the service and this community.